



Tier II Consultation Meeting DRAFT Minutes – September 14, 2017

Participants:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Agency. Includes John Donovan (FHWA), Tom Kotarac (CMAP), Russell Pietrowiak (CMAP), Tony Greep (FTA), Michael Leslie (EPA), Buzz Asselmeier (IEPA), Chris Schmidt (IDOT OP&P), Doug Ferguson (CMAP), Craig Heither (CMAP), and Kevin Peralta (CMAP).

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions 10:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2017 On a motion by Mr. Leslie and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the minutes of the June 1, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Conformity Amendment CMAP released a Conformity Amendment for public comment at the August 4, 2017 Transportation Committee meeting. The public comment period closed on September 5, 2017 without CMAP receiving any public comments. The committee also received updates regarding some of the modeling updates/changes that were incorporated into the conformity analysis. Specifically Mr. Heither stated that truck traffic distribution within the travel demand model (TDM) was reevaluated. Specifically it was determined that CMAP had assigned to many truck trips to Cook and DuPage counties to the TDM while there were not enough trips assigned to Will County and some of the other collar counties. Additionally trips in and out of the region were reexamined. As a result the truck trip distribution in the TDM was modified. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that these changes along with a change in the open to traffic year for the IL 53/120 project resulted in an increase in VOC emissions. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that this was of particular concern for the model year 2025 for which the region’s modeled VOC emissions are very close to the region’s VOC budget. A questions was asked as to what the impact of the change to ta major

capital project was. Mr. Heither stated that the impact is that vehicle miles traveled (VMT) was then moved from a major capital project to arterial streets in the same area.

## **5.0 Ozone SIP development**

Mr. Asselmeier stated that the EPA questioned some of the modeling assumptions there were using. As a result IEPA reexamined what they were doing regarding submitting an ozone attainment demonstration and at this time was not planning on submitting and ozone attainment demonstration to EPA but had submitted a rate of progress to the EPA for comment and review. EPA indicated that they were ok with what they had received but that they had not issued a final determination. Mr. Leslie stated the conformity budget was alright and that they had not been any red flags. Some sections (3 and 7) had been removed and the public comment/hearings still needed to occur.

## **6.0 Ozone designation**

US EPA is considering designations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The designations have been delayed and the date when they would be announced was TBD. The 8-hour ozone standard of 70 parts per billion had not changed but the issue of what years to use to make a designation had not been resolved. Mr. Asselmeier stated that IEPA ozone designation submittal contained no changes from the previous designation.

## **7.0 Updated Transportation Conformity SIP**

Mr. Leslie stated that EPA is working with IEPA on the format and questions. The modeling memo is fairly standard and the IEPA is reviewing that at this time but that they didn't have a time frame for when that might be done.

## **8.0 Major Capital Project Updates**

No updates were provided.

## **9.0 Other Business**

Mr. Pietrowiak stated that there could be some MOVES updates in early 2018 and that CMAQ has an emissions performance measure that they are working on with IDOT. It was also stated that CMAP is developing a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for the region as part of their ON TO 2050 work.

## **10.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **11.0 Next Meeting**

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the next meeting will be on call; one is anticipated to be in conjunction with CMAP's conformity analysis in the winter.

## **12.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.